| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 31. | Maharashtra | 239 | 48 | 168 | 58 | 120 | 10 | 6 |
| 32. | Goa | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| 33. | Daman and Diu, Dadar, Nagar Haveli | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Sub-total | 242 | 49 | 169 | 59 | 122 | 10 | 7 |
| | Grand Total | 2388 | 283 | 1231 | 1137 | 1001 | 86 | II |

**Survey on minority students in schools**

2189. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBSE has done any survey of the number of minority students in schools beyond class VII all over the country;

(b) if so, when the survey was done;

(c) to what extent CBSE has been able to evolve a policy, which would encourage minority students to stay in schools beyond class VII;

(d) the details of such incentives developed by CBSE; and

(e) the status of implementation of the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) CBSE is an examining body that conducts Class X and Class XII public examinations for the students studying in its affiliated schools. Whereas it does not maintain the number of minority students in schools beyond Class VII, the number of students appearing in Urdu medium in Class X and XII examinations conducted by CBSE during the last three years has shown an increasing trend.

(c) to (e) To promote education among minorities, CBSE has taken the following initiatives:—

(i) The Management of minority institutions have freedom in respect of selection of languages as subjects and medium of instruction, admission of students and recruitment of staff, *etc.*

(ii) CBSE provides Question Papers in Urdu and Punjabi in certain subjects in Classes X and XII.

(iii) In Urdu two courses are offered both at Secondary and Senior Secondary levels.

(iv) CBSE offers scope to study as many as 33 languages including minority languages.